

FIREFIGHTER

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK

This is the beginning level of firefighting work involving primarily the learning of the necessary fundamentals and practical methods. Work involves attending training sessions and drills, learning methods and procedures, servicing equipment and stations, fighting fires and standing watches. Employees of this class are assigned to a fire company and work an assigned shift. Immediate supervision is received from a higher ranking employee.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

(NOTE: These examples below indicate only the general type of work performed in these positions and are not intended to restrict duties to those listed.)

Studies and receives instructions from experienced men on the various phases of firefighting;

Assists in all work performed by the fire company, such as laying and connecting hose, operating fire hydrants, carrying and setting up ladders, performing salvage and overhauling work, and all related work;

Stands floor watches and performs custodial and maintenance work at the fire station servicing equipment, station, and grounds;

Attends training courses, reads and studies assigned materials, texts, rules and regulations, practices tying knots, the handling of ladders and other equipment, and generally acquaints himself with the work of the fire department and a fire company;

Performs related work as required or assigned.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of high school mathematics;

Some knowledge of the mechanical and building trades;

Skill in physical agility;

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions;

Ability and willingness to learn firefighting work and rules and regulations in order to perform satisfactory work and to seek advancement;

Ability to cooperate with others;

Ability to work long hours under adverse conditions;

Ability to climb and work at considerable height.

New employees shall receive as part of their basic training a course of instruction reasonably calculated to prepare them to pass the emergency medical technician certification test within their probationary period, and they must pass such test as a condition of their confirmation as a regular and permanent employee in the Firefighter classification.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must:

Be at least 18 years of age but not yet have attained the age of 29 years prior to the conditional offer of employment.

Applicant must possess one of the following: high school diploma, general educational development (G.E.D.) certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or G.E.D. certificate.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must meet all other general provisions of Paragraph 23 of The Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law.

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